



CARA CAPERS

Candlewood Amateur Radio Association
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MEETING NOTICE

The next regular meeting of the Candlewood Amateur Radio Association will be held on Friday, June 8th, at St. Paul's Church, Brookfield, CT. (See map on back page.) Talk in will be on the 147.12 MHz repeater.

Meeting starts at 8 PM sharp. Doors open between 7:15 - 7:30.

June Meeting Agenda

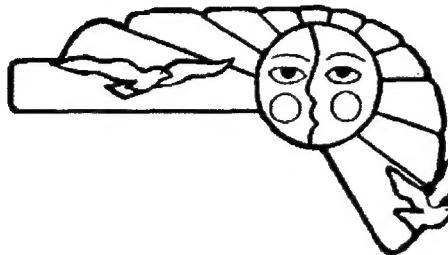
1. A regular business meeting will take place this month with old and new business items discussed.
2. Craig, N1ABY, will discuss the upcoming Field Day event. A video of last year's Field Day will be shown prior to the discussion.
3. Mike, KC1IS, will discuss the W1QI Voice Repeater. It's almost that time and Mike wants to fill us all in on the details.
4. Bob, N12B, is still looking for your help for the upcoming CARA Flea Market and Field Day. Work needs to start soon on both of these very important Club events.

MAY MEETING REFLECTIONS

On Friday, May 11th, CARA met for its regular meeting at St. Paul's Church, Brookfield, CT.

The Big Event

At the May meeting we viewed a video of the airlift of the radio container which will house the new CARA W1QI voice repeater. If you missed this event, tapes are available for \$10.00. All profits from the sale of these videos will go toward our repeater needs.



If you ordered and paid for your videos at the May meeting, they will be available at the June meeting. If you have not yet ordered your videos, or need to pay for your order, please do so at the June meeting, and we will make arrangements to get you a copy of this exciting CARA documentary.

EMERGENCY DRILL

A state-wide hurricane emergency drill is in the planning stages for the first week in June.

The first stage may be a weather watch around the first. Later in the week, an alert will be posted 24 hours before landfall. After landfall, communications will be knocked out. Hams will be asked to provide communication facilities in coordination with Communication Central, possibly located in the Hartford area.

Further details will be announced as they are received.

Hal, KB1US

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Only In The Movies

We all have enjoyed the Movies and TV programs where the hero holds off an entire division of the enemy with his trusty machine gun, or in the case of Sgt. York, with his trusty bolt action rifle. It is great fun, but as anyone who was in real battle (like Korea in my case, or Vietnam) knows, it is not the Real World.

I do not intend this as a theater review, but only to make a point: C.A.R.A. cannot continue to function properly if all the necessary work is done by either one or just a few members. We are an Amateur Radio club with about 85+ Members. If most of us would give just a few hours per "year," C.A.R.A. would be able to accomplish many projects and give fantastic support to our community. It is sad to note that this is not the case, based upon the last few meeting where members were asked to assist with the Field Day and the Flea Market. It is obvious, the attitude "let Craig do it," or "Len," or "Bob," or "Hal" prevails. Fill in the name if you prefer.

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THE 1989/90 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following club members have served your club in the following positions. All have served on the Executive Committee which has over the club year met each month to plan the club events, some of which have taken many hours, such as the new repeater site, club programs and others.

Bob Elton	NI2B	President / VEC coordinator
Keith Mortensen	N1FNB	Vice President
Hal Keenan	KB1US	Secretary
Craig Kalley	N1ABY	Treasurer
Len Casacalenda	KV1P	Director of Education / Capers Editor
Dan Fegley	W1QK	Trustee of W1QI / Program Director
Mike Nelson	KC1IS	Director VHF/UHF Operations
Dave Ball	N1ELQ	Legal Consul / Advisor

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Yes, we all have our personal and family lives, obligation, needs, and responsibilities, but so do Craig, Len, Bob and Hal! Some of our members seem to feel that paying their \$10 dues each year is the extent of their obligation to C.A.R.A. This is nonsense. In the Real World, \$10 per member times 85 members equals \$850. This is barely enough to pay for our club insurance, rent on the church for our meeting, coffee and donuts. No one gets paid for what they do; in fact they usually are paying out their funds to help the club.

Now, I have not heard any of the Executive Committee complain about this, but it is a fact of the Real World. There is no reason for six people to do all the work, and 80 sit back and enjoy the fruits of their labor. That is the point of this "Real Life" story. There are many activities we can be involved with as an Amateur Radio Club: Field Day, Swim-a-Thons, Bike-a-Thons, etc, etc, etc. This is only possible if the members give those few hours per year to assist. It is you the membership which must make the choice; if you want your club to do these things, give the three or four hours of your time "in a year." If you do not, C.A.R.A. cannot involve itself in these projects. Your Executive Committee spends on average five hours per week per person. We are asking you to spend 1/52nd of that time or 5 hours per "year" to help your Radio Club. I do not think that is much to ask, do you?

Bob Elton, NI2B
President, CARA

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

June typically is the month of Graduation, and with C.A.R.A., this is no exception. We are very pleased and proud of our new graduates from our Novice Class. We started in April with 21 students and at the present time have nine (9) graduates with about six (6) more that only need to pass one segment of the two part test (code-theory). I would think that by the time you are reading this note, they may have already accomplished this.

All the 610 forms were sent to the FCC the next day after the completion of testing and hopefully we may have them by Field Day. If so, I am hoping we can have some of our new Novices join us at Field Day 1990 to help us operate. Equipment will be provided, so just bring yourselves and your new license.

We hope to be starting another Novice Class in September or October. Also planned will be a follow-up Clinic for Tech./General upgrades.



This will be the last issue of the CARA Capers for this Club session. We will be back in September with our next regular newsletter. I will publish a short one pager just prior to our September meeting which will be mailed to all current and former members to remind all of us that our continued membership in CARA helps the Club continue providing for the needs of the Amateurs and the general public in the Club's area of involvement.

73 es Have a Wonderful Summer
Len Casacalenda, KV1P

Let's give a round of applause to the following new NOVICES:

NAME	HOME TOWN	COMMENTS
Richard K. Bennett	Danbury	Aced both tests
Chris Davison	Bridgewater	Bob, K1UOL's Nephew
Jay Dzubak	Brookfield	14 years old
Ken Eriksen	Brookfield	CARA Club Member
Matthew Ferretti	New Fairfield	14 years old
Irving Goldstein	Danbury	CARA Club Member
Peter A. Hylenski	Danbury	Passed on his 15th birthday
Aaron Radder	New Fairfield	Jon, KA1RLX's 14 year old son
Ross Utter	Brookfield	13 years old



SWIMATHON TIME!

Drusilla Hoge, of the Western Connecticut chapter of the American Red Cross, has once again invited CARA to provide communication services for the annual SWIMATHON.

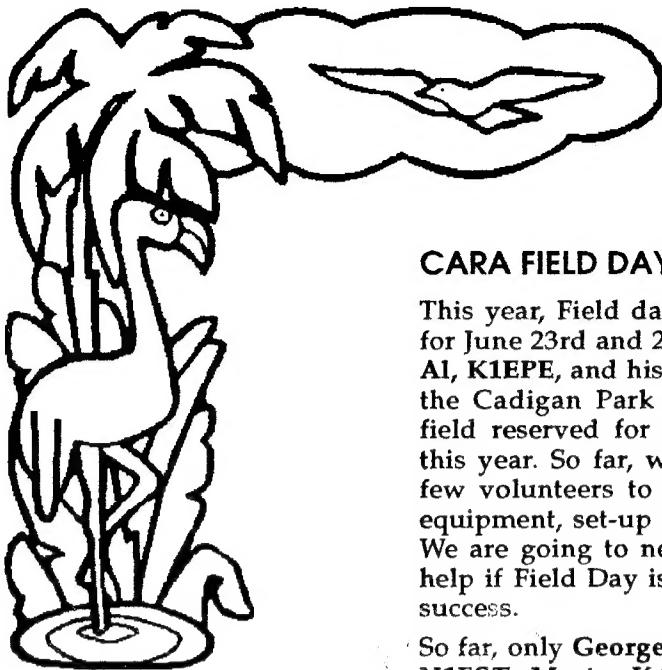
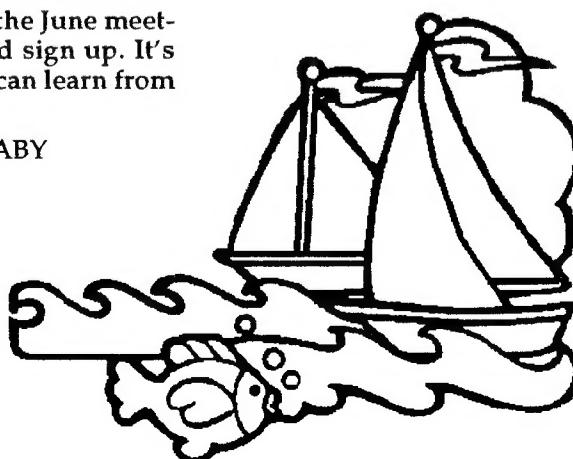
For those unfamiliar with the event, swimmers enter the waters of Candlewood Lake early in the morning and attempt to swim the length of the lake, exiting at the Danbury Town Park starting around noon until early in the evening.

Boats with radio operators are stationed at check points down the length of the lake to report the swimmer's progress to a net control station which is located at the town park. The radios are used to communicate via the 147.12 repeater. Amateurs who participate usually wind up with a 'T' shirt and lots of sun and wind burn for their efforts. We also have lots of fun.

Volunteer radio operators are needed to man the boats and net control. The net control operator is in charge of the operation and takes the initiative of assembling the operating staff and assigning operating positions before the event. The boats are provided by Red Cross volunteers.

I have informed Dru that amateurs will participate even though I will be unable to attend. We will be asking for volunteers for part of the day, or the whole day, at the May meeting. The date of the SWIMATHON is Friday, July 27th. Please try your best to get involved.

Hal, KB1US



CARA FIELD DAY

This year, Field day is scheduled for June 23rd and 24th. Thanks to Al, K1EPE, and his wife, we have the Cadigan Park site in Brookfield reserved for our use again this year. So far, we only have a few volunteers to help out with equipment, set-up and operating. We are going to need a lot more help if Field Day is going to be a success.

So far, only George, KC2QF, Tim, N1FST, Marty, KA1HYL, Herb, WB1EPO, and Louis, KC4FQF have stepped up and volunteered to contribute to the effort. We still need the following items:

- Transceivers
- Antennas - 75/80-40-20-15
- Coax
- Rope for Guy Lines
- Tents
- Tables and Chairs
- Clocks
- Lamps
- Generator
- Gas Cans

People are needed to help with set-up, operating and take-down. You don't have to commit your entire weekend to the event; just a couple of hours is all we ask.

A sign up sheet for volunteering equipment and signing up to operate will be on the table at the back of the room at the June meeting. Please come and sign up. It's a lot of fun and you can learn from it, too!

Craig, N1ABY

VEC Test Sessions

(NOTE: Correction in Date)

The VEC exam is scheduled for Saturday, June 16, 1990 from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM. The test will be held at the Hawleyville Fire Station. To reach the fire station, take exit 9 off of I-84 (Rte 25). Take Rte 25 1/4 mile north, and turn in to the General Store on the right. Drive around behind the building.

Bring your original license, plus a copy of your license and a picture ID, to the test center. If you don't have a picture ID, then bring two other forms of ID.

The testing fee is \$4.95. If paying by check, make the check out to ARRL/VEC. If you have any questions, please contact Bob, NI2B, or Craig, N1ABY.

The **CARA CAPERS** staff wishes all CARA members a safe, happy and healthy vacation season. See you in the Fall!

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CAPERS CLASSIFIEDS

Advertising in the *CAPERS* is free to all club members. Ad copy should be submitted to the newsletter address in time to reach us before the deadline. The submissions deadline for the *CAPERS* is the Monday following each monthly meeting.

Ads will run for three issues unless cancelled by the writer. Ads may be extended beyond three issues by specific request.

Rough copy submitted to the *CAPERS* will be edited and formatted as we see fit. If you have a specific ad layout in mind, please submit camera ready, column-size copy, using both lower and upper case letters. Ad copy may be sent on packet radio to W1QI-4 PBBS, 144.990 MHz.

FOR SALE

YAESU FT-726R, complete with Satellite Board and 430 MHz module, manuals and original box. Excellent condition. \$1100. Call **George, KC2QF**, at (914) 533-6653 after 7 PM, or leave a packet message on NIDVS Packet cluster 144.99 MHz.

FOR SALE

KDK 2 meter FM Mobile
 • 10 memories
 • Scan All
 • Priority Chn,
 • Output 3w/25w
 • Tone burst
 • Manual
 Excellent Condition. \$225. Call **Al, K1EPE**, at 775-2117.

FOR SALE

Full Featured Workhorse

Alinco ALM-203/T 2m HT

- Recent factory checkup
- SWR/power meter
- Touch tone pad
- 20 dB attenuator
- Any offset
- 10 memories
- Any scan
- 144 - 148 Xmit
- 144 - 160 Rcv
- 0.1 W/3W/5W
- Battery saver
- PTT lock
- Key lock
- Tone burst
- Subaudible tones
- LCD lamp
- Manual with schematics
- Original carton
- Extra nicad battery pack
- DC/DC converter
- Cigarette lighter adapter

\$275 firm. Call **Hal, KB1US**, at 792-1845.

FOR SALE

Kenwood SP 430 Speaker
 Kenwood PS 430 Power Supply
 Kenwood AT-130 Tuner
 Contact **Keith, N1FNB** at 775-6738.

WANTED

Any type of tower, 50 to 70 feet. Will come and pick up. Contact **Tony, N1FIH**, 748-2553.

FOR SALE

Zenith antique home entertainment unit. 12 inch round TV, AM/FM radio, turntable. Nice cherry wood cabinet. Good condition. \$100. Contact **Dan, WIQK**, at 775-9525.

LOCAL NETS

CARA Roundtable Net every Wednesday, 8:00 PM:

2 Meter Net 147.12 MHz

EDITOR'S DESK

Do you have an Amateur Radio speciality, or consider yourself an expert in some facet of Amateur Radio? The *CARA CAPERS* is seeking feature columnists for future issues. Please contact **Len, KV1P**, if you would like to contribute to the *CAPERS*.

We also welcome information concerning events such as Flea Markets and/or Hamfests, VE Testing Sessions, Contests or other items of general interest to our members.

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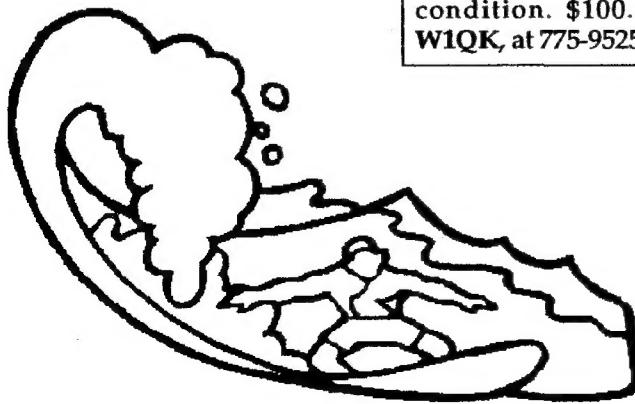
Phone:

(203) 796-5624
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Packet:

W1QI-4 PBBS, 144.990 MHz
K1UOL PBBS, 145.090 MHz
K1LTJ-4 PBBS, 145.030 MHz

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Amateur Radio



Flea Market

Sunday, Sept. 23, 1990

Elk's Club

346 Main Street
Danbury, CT

8 AM – 3 PM. Table set-ups at 7 AM.
Admission: \$4.00, Kids under 12 free

Tables: \$8.00 Tailgating: \$6.00
(Includes 1 Admission)

For Reservations:

C.A.R.A., c/o Bob Elton
60 Padanaram Road, #18
Danbury, CT 06810

- Ham Gear Raffle (Tickets sold at Door)
- Ham Radio Equipment • Computers
- Door Prizes • Raffle • Rain or Shine
- Ample Parking • ARRL Affiliated Club
- Refreshments Available
- **OVER 75 TABLES LAST YEAR!**

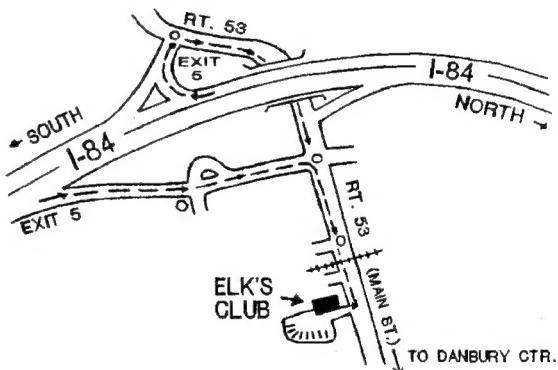
DON'T MISS IT!!

For further info: (203) 790-7987

(203) 775-6738

(203) 426-1652

I-84 to Exit 5, Danbury. Turn right onto Rt. 53 South.
1/2 mile, across RR tracks to Elk's Hall on Right.



Talk-In on 147/72-12

Candlewood Amateur Radio Association FLEA MARKET—Sept. 23, 1990

To: C.A.R.A., c/o Bob Elton, 60 Padanaram Road, #18, Danbury, CT 06810

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Please reserve _____ tables, at \$8.00 each, at the Sept. 23, 1990 CARA Flea Market.

I do / do not need electricity (Limited, F.C.F.S.)

Amount enclosed _____ (Please enclose check payable to CARA.)



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